

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No. 01201

Applicant: Stephen R. Griggs

Invention: VACUUM DETECTION APPARATUS
AND METHOD

DECLARATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS
under 37 CFR Section 1.27

I, Stephen R. Griggs, the sole inventor of the above-identified patent application, declare that I meet all the requirements of an independent inventor under 37 CFR Section 1.9(c), and specifically, that I (1) have not assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed and (2) am under no obligation to under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention claimed in this patent application to any person who could not likewise be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR Sec. 1.9.

Stephen R. Griggs

Stephen R. Griggs

Date: 6/11/01

00000000000000000000000000000000